

REMARKS

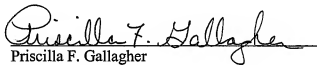
Claims 12-17 are currently pending in the application. Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bridges, U.S. Patent No. 5,823,349, in view of Carfizzi, U.S. Patent No. 3,567,068 and Marshall U.S. Patent No. 3,902,651. Claims 13-17 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 12 has now been amended by incorporating all of the limitations of claim 13 and claim 13 has been cancelled. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from amended claim 12. It is submitted that the claims as amended should be in allowable form, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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